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Answering today's questions using
the Bible's first book

God's Treasure

WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship – Go and Work

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September 24, 2023 | 17th Sunday in Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “Today is the Day”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Litany (*Psalm 8*)

Lord, our Lord,

How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants You have established a stronghold against Your enemies,

To silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

The moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

What is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them?

You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

You made them rulers over the works of Your hands;

You put everything under their feet:

All flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,

All that swim the paths of the seas.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

*Prayer of the Day

Dear God, You promise to provide for our every need. But we get anxious. We want to give You partial control rather than trust You fully. Unblind our vision through Your Word that we will bow to You in reverence and trust You with our whole lives – no matter what. Through Christ’s name we come before You, Amen.

Song – “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 14:11-24

New Testament Lesson – Hebrews 7:1-3

Children's Message

Bible Presentation

Song – “This is My Father's World”

*Gospel – Luke 12:22-34

Sermon – “God's Treasure”

Song – “We Are An Offering”

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

*Lord's Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song – “He Reigns”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand if you are able.

Welcome to Faith Lutheran!

Live Stream: www.youtube.com/user/faithlutheranspencer | Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday | 712-580-4316 | office@faithlutheranspencer.com

www.faithlutheranspencer.com | Facebook: Faith Lutheran Church LCMC | Instagram: @flcspencer

Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Text your giving to Faith at 712-214-4317

Old Testament Lesson – Genesis 14:11-24

¹¹ The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. ¹² They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom. ¹³ A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. ¹⁴ When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵ During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah,

north of Damascus. ¹⁶ He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people. ¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.' ²⁴ I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me – to Aner, Eshkol and Mamre. Let them have their share."

New Testament Lesson – Hebrews 7:1-3

¹ This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, ² and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace." ³ Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

Gospel – Luke 12:22-34

²² Then Jesus said to His disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will He clothe you – you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

TODAY!! Sunday, Sept. 24!

- ♥ 9:00 a.m. Following the Children's Message, Bibles will be presented to Preschool, Kindergarten, 2nd grade and 6th grade students
- ♥ 10:20 a.m. Sunday School Kickoff
- ♥ 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, SON Room
- ♥ 10:30 a.m. Discovery Class for New Members, Discipleship Room



Item of the Month ~ Dark colored Bath Towels

The towels are used in the personal care kits and should be a minimum of 20" x 40" and a maximum of 27" x 52".

Donated items for both Lutheran World Relief and Upper Des Moines Opportunity can be put in the yellow Missions box near the front doors.



**Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food
Pantry is in need of the following
items for our community:**
Spaghetti sauce, canned veggies, rice



Meet Jake & Tanya Vos's baby boy, Dean Allen Vos, born Saturday, Sept. 16, weighing 2 lbs., 14 oz and was 16 inches long. He is the first grandson of Catie and Dan Vos. Dean arrived 8 weeks early and will be spending the next 8 weeks in the NICU in Sioux Falls. A Meal Train has been set up in their benefit where you can sign up to bring meals, give a gift card for food expenses, or donate money to help cover gas and other expenses.



<https://mealtrain.com/ekgdel>



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GUEST**



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Thank you to today's worship partners ...

Altar Prep: Linda Conlon,
Susie Brinkley

Children's Message: Laura Hamann

Counters: Jolene Hansen,
Shanna Kooker

Fellowship: Jim & Lisa Carpenter

Fellowship Set-up: Shirley Nelson

Greeters/Ushers:

Terry & Jolene Hansen

Instrumentalists: Karen Dokken,
Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley,
Anna Quanbeck

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Prayers of the Church:

Joe Simington

Scripture Reader: Al Vanderberg

Camera: Paul Wire

Computer: Cheryl Stueven

Sound: Brett Eilts

Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks

Vocalists: Brittany & Ellie Spieker,
Lucy Simington, Lauren Rouse

Worship Leader: Justin Spieker

Worship partners for Sunday, October 1

Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

Children's Message: Nancy Ketcham

Communion Servers:

Steve Quattlebaum, Bill Neiderheiser

Counters: Jolynne Eilts, Becky Simons

Fellowship & Set-up: Cindy Essick,
Larry Peterson

Greeters/Ushers: Brett & Jolynne Eilts

Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner,
Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen,
Kevin Skadeland

Message: Paul Behrens

Prayer Intercessors:

Dave & Linda Susie

Prayers of the Church: Jim Paulsen

Scripture Reader: Lisa Buchan

Camera: Cindy Tigges

Computer: Becky Simons

Sound: Cheryl Stueven

Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks

Vocalists: Lucy Simington,
Jim & Joan Unrau, Kirby Fueston

Worship Leader: Karen Brandt

Confirmation Reminder



- Wednesday, Sept. 27 ~ Mentor night – Mentors spend the time with their mentees in class.



Prayer Chain



Please send your prayer request to
Linda & Dave Susie at 712-262-6621 or
djslrs74@yahoo.com or to

Doreen Scribner at 712-262-3488 or
doreenscribner@outlook.com

**To be placed on the Sunday morning
Prayers of the Church,** please contact
the church office at 712-580-4316.

Birthday blessings to ...

Sept. 24

Isaac Storley

Sept. 26

Julie Williams, Brayden Yungbluth

Sept. 27

Steve Johnson

Sept. 30

Nancy Heckathorn,
Keith Van Kleek, Ellie Spieker



meet **our** STAFF

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Guest Connection Card

Dear Visitors,

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! We'd love to connect with you.

Please share your contact information, and a member of Faith will be in touch with you soon.

Please put this form in the offering kiosk at the back of the church. – Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

I'd like to ...

- ☐ Visit with the Pastor.
- ☐ Learn about becoming a member.
- ☐ Hear more about opportunities at Faith.
- ☐ Hear about joining a small group.

Thanks for worshiping with us!

2023 GENERAL OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

BUDGET: \$413,959.25

	FELLOWSHIP*	GIVING	YEAR TO DATE	ATTENDANCE
AUGUST	\$293.54	\$25,502.48	\$227,979.06	142
SEPT. 1-3	\$ 96.00	\$ 7,434.99	\$235,924.05	130
SEPT. 4-10	\$ 31.00	\$ 6,266.15	\$241,889.70	102
SEPT. 11-17	\$ 57.50	\$ 3,172.50	\$245,062.20	117

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING COMPUTERS – 15

*INCLUDED IN THE YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL. EACH SUNDAY, HY-VEE CHARGES \$90.00 FOR DONUTS.

Thank you for generously supporting Faith Lutheran in 2023!

This Week at Faith!

Today – Sunday, September 24

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Musician Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Bible Presentation
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:20 a.m. Sunday School Kickoff
- 10:30 a.m. Discover Class #1 for New Members
Adult Bible Study – SON Room

Monday, September 25

- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids After School Program

Tuesday, September 26

- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids After School Program
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Team Restoration Christian Counseling – 515-238-9010

Wednesday, September 27

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids After School Program
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal
Supper for the Confirmation Students
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation – Mentor Night
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, September 28

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Team Restoration Christian Counseling – 515-238-9010
- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids After School Program

Friday, September 29

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Team Restoration Christian Counseling – 515-238-9010
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids After School Program

Saturday, September 30

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Upcoming Events!

October 1 – 10:30 a.m. Discovery Class #2

October 8 – New Member Sunday

Please contact the church office (712-580-4316) for a current calendar of events.

Or, check the online calendar at www.faithlutheranspencer.com/events